

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—In that case, perhaps inconvenient questions may all be pushed to the last. I therefore request the Hon'ble Speaker to permit such of those members who have not put their questions to-day, to take up their questions first, the next day.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is not left to the Chair. The members have to take their chance. They should try to reach their questions within the time.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWER ON 8TH OCTOBER 1951.

(Not taken up).*

Action on Committee Report re Fire in All-India Fine Arts Exhibition.

Q.—5. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY, (Kolar District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) When they appointed the committee to enquire into the tragic fire accident that befell the All-India Fine Arts and Swadeshi Exhibition arranged in the Cubbon Park, Bangalore;

(b) whether the committee have submitted any report to them so far;

(c) result of the enquiry;

(d) whether the committee have suggested any relief to the sufferers so far;

(e) the action taken so far by them on the report?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—(a) On 12th May 1951. (Copy of Government Order constituting the Committee of Enquiry is appended below).

(b) Yes.

(c) The Committee has *inter alia* expressed the view that the fire was not due to sabotage but must have been due to accident, that the extent of damage is from seven to eight lakhs of rupees and that some precautionary measure was taken against the fire, but that was not adequate enough to quench the fire that occurred.

(d) No.

(e) The report of the Committee is under the consideration of Government

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

ORDER No. H. A. 1373-85—POL, 59-51-3,
DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH MAY 1951.

The fire that occurred on the afternoon of 29th April 1951, in the premises of the All-India Industrial and Fine Arts Exhibition, Bangalore, destroyed the Exhibition and caused considerable damage. It has been a matter of great concern to the Government and the public alike. Government consider that it is necessary to find out the causes of the fire. The value of holding such exhibitions as an education and cultural factor having proved itself beyond doubt. Government consider it also desirable to examine the precautionary measures that have to be taken and the requirements that have to be laid down with regard to the holding of such exhibitions in future.

Government consider that this question might be examined by a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen with the terms of reference noted below :

Chairman :

Rajadharmaprasakta Sri T. Singaravelu Mudaliar, B.A., B.L., Retired Judge of the High Court of Mysore, Basavangudi, Bangalore.

Members :

1. The Mayor, Corporation of Bangalore City.

2. Rajasevasakta Sri P. Subbarama Chetty, Ex-Minister, Government of Mysore, Gandhinagar, Bangalore.

3. The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

4. The Additional Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, Bangalore.

5. The President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

6. Sri B. C. Nanjundiah, M.L.A., Land holder, Tumkur.

7. Sri K. Puttaswamy, B.A., (Hons.), LL.B., M.L.A., Advocate, Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysore.

8. Sri K. R. Madhava Rao, B.A., LL.B., M.L.A., Chairman, Bangalore Transport Co., Ltd., 7, Rheimanna Gardens, Andrew Road, Civil Station, Bangalore 1.

Secretary :

9. The District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore (North).

The Committee may examine and report on :

1. The causes for the breaking out and rapid spread of fire which occurred on 29th April 1951, and the extent of the damage caused;

2. Whether precautionary measures had been taken against such eventualities;

3. The manner in which such exhibitions have to be organised in future with particular reference to :

(a) the area to be allowed for such purposes in Bangalore City,

(b) the designs to be adopted in the construction of the stalls, and the materials to be used,

(c) the precautionary measures that have to be insisted upon,

(d) the possibilities of insuring such exhibitions against the risk of fire.

*Answers printed under Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure.

The Committee may also examine whether it would be necessary to undertake any specified legislation for ensuring that exhibitions are conducted in future in a safe manner, both in the interest of the Exhibitors and the Public who attend such exhibitions.

The Committee is requested to meet immediately and report within a month, if possible, so that Government may proceed to take prompt action, on the recommendations of the Committee. The Inspector-General of Police will be requested to make the results of the departmental inquiry regarding the fire, available to the Committee.

By Order of His Highness the
Maharaja,

E. V. GANAPATI IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Members of the Committee with a covering letter.

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

The District Magistrate, Bangalore District, Bangalore.

The Accountant-General in Mysore, Bangalore.

PRESS TABLE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

ORDER NO. H.A. 1838-50—POL. 59-56-4,
BANGALORE, DATED THE 25TH MAY 1951.

In partial modification of Government Order No. H. A. 1373-85—Pol. 59-51-3, dated the 12th May 1951, it is ordered that Sri H. Veerabhadriah, M.A., Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore N. rth, be appointed as the Secretary of the All-India Industrial and Fine Arts Exhibition, Fire Enquiry Committee, in place of the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore North.

By Order of His Highness the
Maharaja,

E. V. GANAPATI IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Chairman and Members of the Committee.

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

The District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

The Accountant-General in Mysore, Bangalore.

The Secretary, Exhibition Committee.

PRESS TABLE

Rules and Regulations defining powers and duties of the Public Service Commission.

Q.—14. Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the Public Service Commission was constituted in the State;

(b) categories of appointments the Commission is empowered to make;

(c) whether rules and regulations for regulating the work and duties and defining the powers of the Commission have been made?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(a) On 18th May 1951.

(b) Under consideration.

(c) Under consideration.

Educational Expenditure on Boys in Schools.

Q.—21. Sri M. C. SIVANANDA SHARMA (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the average amount spent by them on the education of a boy per month in high, middle and primary schools run by Government;

(b) the average amount of grant paid for the education of one boy per month to aided high, middle and primary schools in the State?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

	Per month Rs.	
(a) High Schools ...	2.56	} Per pupil
Middle „ ...	2.06	
Primary Schools ...	1.66	
(b) High Schools ...	1.26	} do
Middle Schools ...	1.12	
Primary Schools ...	0.68	

Statistics of S.S.L.C. Examinees in English and Kannada Media.

Q.—22. Sri M. C. SIVANANDA SHARMA (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of students who sat for the S.S.L.C. Examination during the years 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951;

(b) the number of them who offered English as the medium of instruction;